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Neighbours meet for a right Royal celebration

AROUND 100 roads were closed across Northampton over the weekend as jubilee parties spilled into the streets and open air.

More than 160 road closures were agreed across the county, with formal events also being held in all of the county's main towns.

In Edinburgh Road, Kingsthorpe, bunting was strung between houses and the road was closed as residents flooded into the street to celebrate the jubilee.

The organiser, Jenny Irving, aged 20, said she organised the event to get to know her neighbours.

She said: "I don't really speak to a lot of people in the street and I just thought it would be good for us to get together and celebrate.

"We have had a magician for the kids and we have had a bouncy castle.

"There have been a lot of families and it has been a great day for the kids. It has been really good."

Earlier in the day a special service in celebration of The Queen was held at All Saints' Church, in Northampton.

The service was attended by the Mayor of Northampton, Roger Conroy, leader of Northampton Borough Council, David Macintosh and MP for Northampton South, Brian Binley, as well as the Queen's representative for Northampton, Lady Juliet Townsend, the Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire.

At Kelmarsh Hall, there was a 1950s' tea party, featuring archive footage of the coronation, along with children's entertainers and a jazz band.

Celebrations were also organised across Daventry and South Northamptonshire.

In Daventry Country Park family and friends braved the rain to enjoy a big lunch, featuring entertainment from Foxhill Music School and other local groups.

Edinburgh Road, Kingsthorpe, just one of more 160 street parties to mark the Diamond Jubilee *Picture: MNCE-02-06-12-KE32*

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Criminals apply for school jobs

VIOLENT thugs, class A drug users, flashers, cases of child neglect and a kerb crawler . . . just some of the people who applied to teach your children.

Our sister paper, the *Chronicle & Echo,* obtained a long list of convictions held by people who applied to work with children in Northamptonshire's schools over the past three years.

The criminal offences were discovered when the past records of applicants were scrutinised by the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB).

A Freedom of Information Act request found that 217 applications made in the county in the last three years were flagged up by the checking process, which unearthed a total of 709 previous convictions.

This included 70 incidents of drink-driving, 59 cases of shoplifting, nine flashers and even people convicted of possessing cocaine and child neglect .

The information accounted for people bidding for jobs in schools, including teachers, teaching assistants, caretakers and dinner ladies.

However, the CRB was unable to confirm whether or not anyone with convictions was employed even after the information was released as the recruitment process is carried out by each individual school.

Gordon White, secretary of the Northamptonshire branch of the NUT, said: "If people with serious criminal convictions are applying for jobs in our schools they must be pretty daft because it's obvious they will get flagged up.

"Not all of these people will have been applying for teaching jobs.

"The number of support staff has grown in recent years and it is obviously up to the schools to determine if there is a potential risk to either students or staff.

"It appears the screening system appears to be working, which is excellent news."

The figures revealed that a total of 9,066 people applied for jobs in Northamptonshire schools between 2009 and 2011, of which 8,849 passed CRB checks with no problems.

The 709 convictions of the 217 people flagged up contained 72 counts of either common assault or assault causing actual bodily harm.

The figures also revealed there were 43 convictions for "theft by employee" and 25 cases of criminal damage.

But the headteacher of a primary school in Northampton said he was surprised at the number of convicted criminals applying to work in county schools.

Leigh Wolmorans, headteacher at Lings Primary School, said: "It's good we have a system which flags these things up and doesn't allow people to slip through the net. Twenty years ago these checks didn't exist.

"I have been a headteacher in Northampton for eight years and every CRB check I have ever sent off has been fine.

"I have never had any returned as negative so the figures surprise me.

"It sounds as though I have been very lucky over the years."

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Work starts to bring historic hospital buildings back to life

Hilary Harman and Seamus Neville, owner of development company WN Developments, at the site

WORK on a £30 million project to restore all the historic buildings on the St Crispin Hospital site on the edge of Northampton has begun.

In 2009, the former owners of the hospital pulled out of the development and it was feared the historic buildings could be left to deteriorate.

But later, Irish firm WN Developments took over the site near Duston and announced major plans to bring it back to life.

They have already completed work on a block of new houses on the edge of the site and work has now begun to restore the historic hospital buildings.

The owner of WN Developments, Seamus Neville, said: "It will be dependent on how the housing market performs.

"We are looking at about two-and-a-half years to get all the historic buildings back into use. Fortunately, the structure of the hospital buildings themselves is actually quite sound. And they're beautiful buildings."

The project will include the full restoration of the hospital's landmark clock tower, which will be illuminated and used as a communal space in the new development.

Mr Neville said it was hoped people would be able to climb up the clock tower once the work was completed.

He said: "There's actually not a great amount of work to do on the clock tower, because it's structurally sound.

"The old clockworks are still in there too, but they're not in very good condition, so they will probably have to be replaced.

"But with the plans we've got for the clock tower, it should be a real landmark building for Northampton."

The first historic building on the site which is being restored is the home of the hospital's former superintendent.

Work began on that building this week and it is planned to convert it into four luxury apartments.

When the full project is completed, there will be 242 new homes on the site.

The first people to live in the new houses on the site will move in next week.

The hospital complex dates back to 1876 when it opened as the Berrywood Asylum.

It was used by the military during World War One but later returned to use as a hospital.

The hospital closed down in 1995.

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Jonathan Elston at the dig which is discovering pottery dating back more than 2,000 years

Pots of history found at building site dig

AN unusual collection of pottery which was dumped in a ditch on the edge of Northampton 2,000 years ago has left archaeologists bemused.

The pots, some of which come from Europe, were unearthed on the edge of the new Upton village during an archaeological dig.

Archaeologist, Liz Muldowney, who is leading the dig, said it was not yet clear why the pots, which are well preserved, had been buried on the site.

She said: "We don't know why the pottery is here, but it suggests there was a house of reasonably high status nearby.

"It's certainly very unusual to find a collection of pottery together like this.

"Sometimes it's associated with people moving home – they deliberately throw away their pottery when they leave. But they've quite deliberately thrown away some very expensive items. For farmers to be able to afford pottery that's come from France represents a significant part of their limited wealth."

The dig across a 10-acre site is being carried out before new houses are built in Upton.

Previous excavations on the land have revealed the site, which is close to Weedon Road, was populated during the Iron Age and early Roman period.

Mrs Muldowney said: "The dig has proved this wasn't an urban area, it's agricultural land outside the old Roman town of Duston.

"We've got stock enclosures from the early Roman period, showing they've been using this land for farming and living on.

"It's hard to tell how many people would have lived here, but it's likely to be extended families and there could have been 20 to 40 people here in the Iron Age."

The pottery which was found in the ditch included valuable Samian ware which dates form the early Roman period.

Buried alongside it were a plate, a storage jar and a small dish.

Mrs Muldowney said: "It's very unusual to find a collection of pottery together like this. We really don't know why they've done it." The finds have now been sent off to pottery experts to be examined.

The vast majority of archaeologists who are working on the Upton site live in and around Northampton.

The experts are examining the site before Doncaster-based developers, Keepmoat, build new houses on the land.

Among the archaeologists is Little Billing resident, Simon Markus.

Mr Markus, who works for Northamptonshire Archaeology, said working on a site so close to home was an interesting experience.

He said: "It's great to find out what was going on in your area long before you lived here and it's nice to know there is some really interesting history in Northampton's past.

"We do a lot of work all over the country, so it's nice to get involved in a dig in my own area and this is one of the biggest digs there's been in Northampton for years."

Discussing the unusual pieces of pottery which had been found on the site, he added: "It's really nice. We don't usually get whole vessels, it's usually just small shards of pottery. So to get something like this is marvellous."

After the archaeologists have finished investigating the site, Keepmoat will move in to build a pub, nursery, shops, restaurant, an old people's home and 324 new homes.

Gary Belcher, the firm's head of regional development said: "We take our environmental responsibility very seriously.

"So we will continue to work closely with Northamptonshire Archaeology and follow their advice and guidance to ensure our plans follow archaeological regulations and honour the land we're building on."

Archaeologist Simon Markus is one of those involved in the dig at the upton site with one of the 2,000-year-old pots

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The Cobblers' David Cardoza with council leader David Mackintosh at the Guildhdall *Library picture*

Sixfields Stadium deal could be signed very soon

A DEAL to redevelop the Sixfields stadium in Northampton should be signed soon, council officials have revealed.

After years of waiting, talks between Northampton Town FC, Northampton Borough Council and the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA), which owns much of the land around Sixfields, have finally reached a head.

It is now hoped documents to agree the development of offices, a hotel and shops around the Sixfields stadium will be signed-off by the council's solicitors in the next two weeks.

Speaking exclusively to the Chron, leader of Northampton Borough Council, Councillor David Mackintosh *(Con, Rectory Farm)* said: "We've been working closely with the club and the HCA over many months to bring forward plans for the redevelopment of Sixfields, which would enable the football club to develop their stadium and provide office space for companies to invest in the area, bringing jobs to the town."

The development would be a central part of the Waterside Enterprise Zone, a section of land stretching from Sixfields to Bedford Road, which the Government has targeted for business growth. Businesses would be encouraged to open offices in the zone through reduced business rates and relaxed planning regulations and the current recycling centre at Sixfields would also be relocated.

Welcoming the progress, Cobblers chairman, David Cardoza said: "I'm delighted we now have a 'can-do' attitude within the council. This bodes well for the future of the town and hopefully we can start to see the massive potential being unlocked."

The redevelopment of land around Sixfields could also lead to a major sports complex being built near the A45 in Northampton.

Plans being put together by Northampton Borough Council with the Saints and the Cobblers could see training pitches for both clubs created at Eagle Drive, close to the Delapre Golf Centre.

The pitches would be created to free up land around Sixfields for development. The Eagle Drive complex would also feature a public pitch named after former professional footballer and Cobblers trainee, Richard Butcher, who died last year. His mother, Gail, said: "I'm really confident about it and hopeful that it will happen."

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Fire-hit nightspot may not re-open until December 2013

WORK will soon begin to restore the fire-damaged Fat Cats Cafe bar in Northampton when demolition crews move in.

But bosses have admitted the worst case scenario may see the Bridge Street nightspot not re-open until the end of 2013.

Plans not yet published have been submitted to Northampton Borough Council to make the popular bar ready for use following the huge fire on January 2.

Fat Cat Group want the water and flame-damaged rooms to be set up as a dancefloor and bar area as before, but with updated fittings.

However the fact the building, the former Angel Hotel, is grade two-listed presents difficulties with how quickly the work can be carried out.

Simon Patterson, the finance director, said: "We don't know all the detail but the front facia and side elevation will have to remain the same. They're safe anyway after the scaffolding was put in place. The issue is the inside.

"The firefighters' hoses caused just as much of the damage as the fire itself and, with no roof and quite a bit of rain since January, it doesn't look great.

"The demolition guys need to take out all the damaged floors. The back wall may also need to be moved."

On rumours the bar may re-open by Christmas this year, Mr Patterson said: "There's no date we have in mind but it's more likely to be December 2013.

"However, like everyone else, we want to be open as soon as possible."

The Angel Hotel building was originally a coaching inn but became famous as a top quality hotel in the 19th century.

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Police Commisioner 'a big job for a big local figure' – Cameron

Northamptonshire Police practice dealing with petrol bombing at an open day last year and (inset) Prime Minister David Cameron

Library pictures

PRIME Minister David Cameron says he is determined to push through plans to elect a new Police Commissioner for Northamptonshire and says the role is "a big job for a big local figure".

Speaking exclusively to our sister paper, the *Northampton Chronicle & Echo*, the PM said the controversial proposals to hold an election for the newly-created role of commissioner were essential as part of an overall drive to push down crime in the county.

He said: "This is a big job for a big local figure. It's a voice for the people of Northamptonshire, someone to lead the fight against crime and someone you'll be able to hold to account if they don't deliver.

"This isn't just for politicians, but community leaders and pioneers of all sorts. People with real experience who've done things and run organisations, whether they are charities or companies. Whatever their background, they will need to be outstanding leaders ready to take a really big role on behalf of all of us.

"The latest police figures show overall crime in Northamptonshire fell by three per cent in 2011. But we all know that the police can't do everything and have to make choices.

"That's where the new commissioners can help. After all, it's the people of Northamptonshire who know what needs to be done: whether it's a crackdown on persistent anti-social behaviour in your street, or worries over burglaries in your neighbourhood.

"The police are there to serve and protect their local community. It's simply common sense they should answer to us all, too and so that's exactly what's going to happen."

Elections for the police commissioner role are due to take place in November and have been roundly criticised in some quarters as being a waste of money at a time when the country is in the grips of a recession.

Newly-elected police chiefs, who will set priorities and budgets for forces in England and Wales, could earn up to £100,000 a year.

Ministers hope the change will improve accountability and make the 43 forces more responsive to the public.

Mr Cameron added: "We're scrapping un-elected and invisible Police Authorities whose duties hardly anyone understands and for the first time ever you'll be able to vote directly for a powerful new local champion instead."

New post is 'change for the sake of change' says Labour leader

OPPOSITION politicians in Northampton have questioned the need for the county to have a police commissioner.

Despite admitting they will put forward a candidate for the elections in November, the Labour party in Northampton said it opposed the idea of commissioners.

The leader of the Labour group on Northampton Borough Council, Councillor Terry Wire *(Lab, St James)* is a former fireman who sat on the police authority for more than a decade.

He said: "The police authority does an excellent job and I think this is just change for the sake of change.

"Even under the new system, the chief constable will have operational independence, so the commissioner won't be able to tell him where to put his resources. It's a complete waste of time.

"And I think it's actually right that we have a committee overseeing the police's work, rather than just one person.

"But as we're being forced into this by the Government, we will make sure there is a Labour candidate for people to vote for when the election is held."

Under the Government's plans, police commissioners would appoint and be able to dismiss chief constables, although the chief constable would appoint all other officers.

The police commissioner would also set out a five-year police and crime plan for the county after the election.

The Chief Constable of Northamptonshire Police, Adrian Lee, said: "We welcome the openness and accountability the police and crime commissioner will bring and we're committed to making the new arrangements a success."

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New mayor pledges to help industry and visit schools

Councillor Roger Conroy (right), the Mayor of Northampton, with Northampton Borough Council chief executive David Kennedy *CE picture MNCE-24-05-12-SL-21*

THE NEW Mayor of Northampton has taken office, with a promise to help the town's charities and struggling businesses.

Councillor Roger Conroy *(Lib Dem, Kings Heath)* was sworn in as the town's new Mayor during a ceremony at the Guildhall.

He promised that during his year in office he would do all he could to promote the town and help its residents.

He said: "Hopefully during my year in office, I will be able to visit every school in the borough and I'm very keen to support charities in any way I can."

Discussing the future of the town, the former shoe shop manager added: "Northampton is a diverse town with a wealth of history and culture which needs supporting and celebrating.

"It's also a town with a lot of development planned which will hopefully secure the town's future.

"So I look forward to doing all I can to promote the town.

"During this time of recession especially, I think it's important to support local businesses and I'll be contacting them to see what help I can give them in my Mayoral year."

Over the past 800 years, Northampton has had more than 700 Mayors.

Of those, 15 have died in office and three have been deposed.

The office of Mayor is largely ceremonial, with no extra political power attached to it.

The town's last Mayor was Councillor Jamie Lane *(Con, Boothville)*.

During his time in office, he undertook more than 300 public engagements and raised more than £9,000 for charity.

Speaking during the ceremony, he said: "I can honestly say I've enjoyed every second of my time as Mayor. For the rest of my life now, whenever I sit down for a drink with anyone I'll be able to talk with them about what a tremendous honour it was to be the Mayor of Northampton."

The councillor said the highlights of his time in office included celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Guildhall, giving the freedom of the borough to the Northampton Sea Cadets and making the first female freeman of the borough.

He also said how much he had enjoyed taking part in the *Chronicle & Echo*'s Strictly Northampton dance competition, which raised more than £30,000 for the newspaper's appeal to build a new haematology unit at Northampton General Hospital.

Probe into rubbish bin collection procedures

TWO council committees have demanded the private bin collection contract for Northampton is looked into again.

Binmen working for Enterprise have complained about being at "breaking point" after being forced to work faster and longer to cover for decommissioned bin lorries.

Northampton Borough Council's community services scrutiny panel has now unanimously asked its chair to examine the contract.

And two members of the audit committee, Councillor Sally Beardsworth *(Lib Dem, Kingsthorpe)* and Councillor David Palethorpe *(Lab, BIlling)* have called for officers to re-examine the contract after hearing there were unspecified concerns with performance in December.

Enterprise managers have insisted the problems have since been resolved.

But Councillor Beardsworth said there were unanswered questions.

She said: "It's all very well the managers saying it's all fine now, but we need to see the evidence for that, which we have not done so far."

She added: "I don't want to see Enterprise fail, but we need to see what the situation is for ourselves, not be told we don't need to know. Everything is commercially sensitive."

Enterprise has admitted it has let go 54 agency staff in Northampton, including cemetery workers and grass cutters, and scaled back its bin lorries significantly by, it is understood, seven vehicles.

But it has denied the bin collection service is suffering, despite binmen claiming bins will end up being left outside doors as they struggle to take up the slack

Tory cabinet member, John Caswell, said that, as long as Enterprise was delivering services, its methods were none of the council's concern.

But Labour group leader Councillor Terry Wire *(Lab St James)*, who is on the customer services scrutiny panel, said: "Labour councillors are getting adverse reports on major issues relating to Enterprise weekly.

"Councillor Caswell needs to get a grip of this situation. It's clear matters with the Enterprise contract are fast reaching boiling point. It's not performing to the promised standard, nor is it giving value for money."

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True grit from WI chairwoman

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THE county WI chairwoman, Lynda Beck, successfully completed a sponsored sky dive to raise money to complete the furnishing of WI House in Moulton.

Barbara Bentley, spokeswoman for Northamptonshire County Federation of WIs, said the organisation was proud of Lynda and described her as an "inspiring" woman.

She said: "No sign of jam or Jerusalem, just pure grit to dare to jump out of a plane at 12,000 ft and covering a mile in 30 seconds."

In January 2007, the WI moved from its headquarters in Northampton town centre to Park View, Moulton. The building was officially opened in October 2008.

Expert predicts a 'bog standard' English summer

Umbrellas were up for the Delapre Street party this week

THE fine weather Northampton experienced at the end of May might not be the sign of an impending hot summer, says a weather expert.

May 23 and 24 were the hottest recorded days of the year at Pitsford Hall Weather Station, with temperatures peaking at close to 26C (79F)

Mike Lewis, weather expert at Pitsford School's weather station, warned the the odds of rain remained high over the next few months.

He said: "The Met Office is reluctant to stick their nose out in terms of summer forecast.

"It's difficult to say, although we had an unusually wet April but we are still significantly down on rainfall totals.

"The weather is likely to balance itself out at some point, it's unlikely to be a scorcher of a summer anyway.

"It will probably be bog standard with sunny and wet days.

"It sounds unscientific but statistically it should even out.

"The summer is likely to be a wash-out at some point."

"April was unseasonably wet, more than twice the rain fell than usual, which continued into the start of May."

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ENGLISH Heritage has warned the development of Northampton's controversial new bus station would "significantly harm" the town.

Plans showing what the replacement for the Greyfriars building would look like were revealed to public criticism in April.

Both passengers and bus drivers expressed fears the new station, which would be built on the site of the Fishmarket, would be too small to cope with the thousands of people who would use it every day.

Now, English Heritage has warned the development would also harm an historic part of the town centre.

In a letter to Northampton Borough Council, the organisation said: "For the proposal to be justified on the basis of 'substantial public benefits', it would need to be demonstrated that the harm was necessary to deliver those benefits, which the application does not currently do.

"Justification for why a new bus station is necessary, why this site has been selected and how the detailed design has been arrived at have not really been supplied."

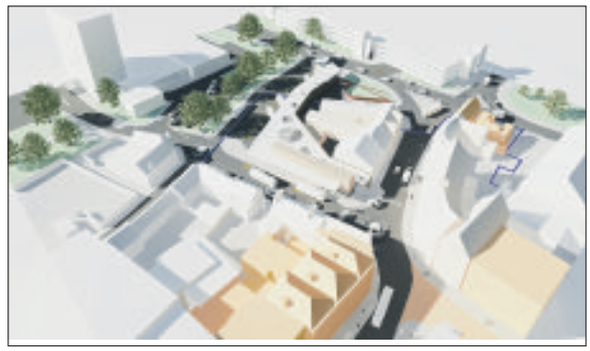
The group acknowledged it would be better for Northampton to lose the Greyfriars building, which it described as "one of the acknowledged mistakes of the redevelopment of the town in the 20th century'. But it questioned whether the current car park close to the Crown Court in The Mounts would be a better location for a replacement bus station.

The group also argued the Fishmarket building contributed to the history of Northampton as such buildings are rare "outside maritime towns and cities".

Officials from Northamptonshire Police have also raised concerns about the proposed location of the new bus station.

In a letter to the council, the force's crime prevention design adviser, Sharon Henley, asked the council to make sure no alcohol would be sold from the shops which will be included in the bus station because of "the issues associated with street drinkers and the proximity of this facility to a drinking haunt in St Katherine's Memorial Gardens."

The council planning committee will decide if the development should go ahead in the coming weeks.



The proposed Fishmarket bus station from Drapery

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Baby cafe back in business but the battle goes on

MUMS and babies helped relaunch the saved Baby Cafe in Northampton and warned that the fight for its long term future is not yet over.

Dozens of mothers who faced going without breast feeding support were officially allowed back into the Friends Meeting House in Wellington Street for the first time since the cafe was forced to close in March.

Mum-of-two Kim Watts said it was a relief to finally see it being used again.

She said: "We knew it was going to be hard work and there were times when you thought we would never get here.

"We're so glad we made it through."

The cafe closed after NHS Northamptonshire decided to axe the £16,500-a-year funding, which kept two specialist breast feeding advisors in post and paid for rent to allow the informal drop-in sessions.

But Northamptonshire County Councillors stepped in after a concerted campaign by mums and midwives and health visitors including a protest march on County Hall to persuade the administration to lobby health bosses, and a huge petition.

The majority of councillors pledged their personal Empowering Councillors funds to help re-open the cafe and a fund-raising drive backed by Barclaycard meant mums were able to name a relaunch date last month.

But Mrs Watts warned that there was still hard work to come.

She said: "We're not done yet. There will be lots of fund-raising events and ideas that we all have to get behind again in order to make sure we can keep going beyond next year."

Brendan Glynane *(Lib Dem, Delapre)*, who supported the campaign in County Hall, said: "This is a service that ought to be replicated across Northamptonshire and the great thing is that the strong and responsible way the campaign has been fought will open doors to potential funding organisations.

"They used skills they perhaps don't normally use as mothers and got the public relations and persuasive side of things spot on.

"I'd certainly rather have them on my side than against me."

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Ambulance crews worried over staffing levels

ALMOST two thirds of East Midlands Ambulance Service employees say the NHS trust is so understaffed they cannot do their jobs properly.

Sixty four per cent of people agreed with the statement in the ambulance service's latest staff opinion survey, more than eight per cent higher than 12 months previously.

More than one in four also said they were unable to do their job to a standard they were pleased with. And 15 per cent said they would not be happy for a friend or relative to get the standard of care given by the trust.

An East Midlands Ambulance Service spokesman said: "We always listen to the opinions of our staff and we take seriously any concerns they voice.

In better news for the ambulance service, bosses revealed its response times for the most urgent 999 calls were believed to be on track to hit the national targets.

Ambulances are expected to get to three quarters of life-threatening emergencies within eight minutes. EMAS crews got over 77 per cent of calls within that time in March and just over 75 per cent of them in April.

Although May's results are still being calculated, the figures mean the trust is hitting its annual target, which it consistently struggled to do in the last 12 months.

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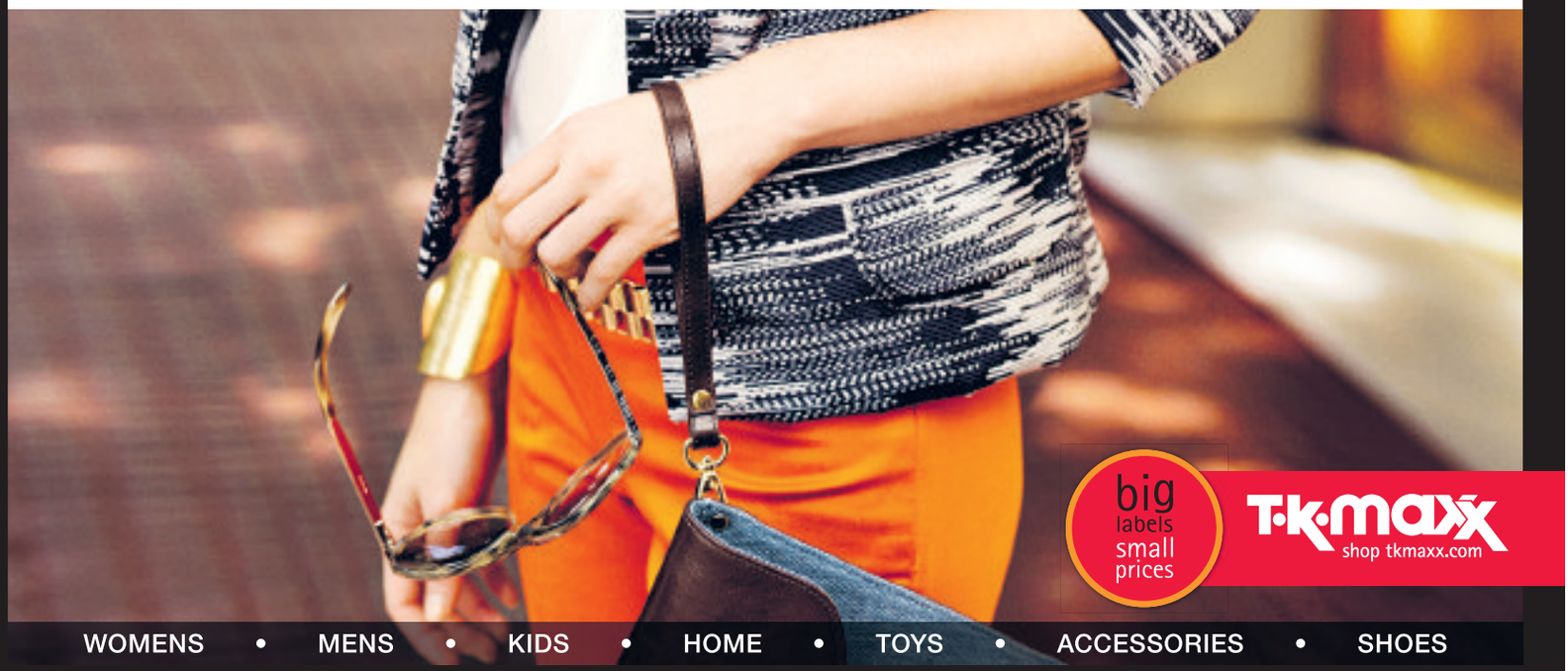

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Big plans mean a landmark year for parish council

The redevelopment of Duston Sports and Leisure Centre was pictured here in January 2011 during early works

DUSTON Parish Council is hoping to pave the way to becoming one of the country's leading parishes during what is fast becoming a landmark year for the village.

Chairman Alan Earle has revealed plans to redevelop Duston Community Centre in Pendle Road, the third building project currently being tackled by the parish council, along with St Luke's Community Centre and the Duston Sports and Leisure Centre . . . both due to open this year.

Councillors are hoping to make the parish a beacon council by "not just talking about it, but doing it".

The council is believed to be the first in the country to employ a parish executive officer, Lynn Lavender, whose role will be based on strategic development for the parish.

Northampton Borough Council passed over ownership and management of the centre to Duston Parish Council last month for £1, after Duston Community Association decided to end its management after 32 years.

Councillor Earle, who took over as chairman last year following a number of staff and councillor resignations, said: "We were given an opportunity to take this building over and we thought it would be a great chance to bring it into the 21st century and get more people in Duston using it.

"It's a very exciting time, and we are being forward thinking, and want to be a beacon council."

The council will take out a loan to cover the refurbishment costs and is considering increasing its share of the council tax next year.

Duston Sports Leisure Centre, due to open later this year, will be run by an external sports company, while St Luke's Community Centre, also expected to open later this year, will be run by an independent Community Interest Company.

Leader of Northampton Borough Council, David Mackintosh, said: "We think it's really important communities are put in control of their own destinies and facilities, and that is exactly what is happening in Duston."

An exciting time, says chief exec

THE appointment of an executive officer will mean a more sustainable future for Duston, says the chairman of the parish council.

Lynn Lavender will focus on partnership development and strategic plans for the council and is joining at busy time.

Chairman Alan Earle said: "We have been looking at how we manage the council and how to make the future more sustainable, and that is why we decided to employ Lynn full time.

"Along with the new Localism Bill this is a great time to take things forward and start giving the community what it wants and needs much quicker.

Duston Parish Council chairman Alan Earle

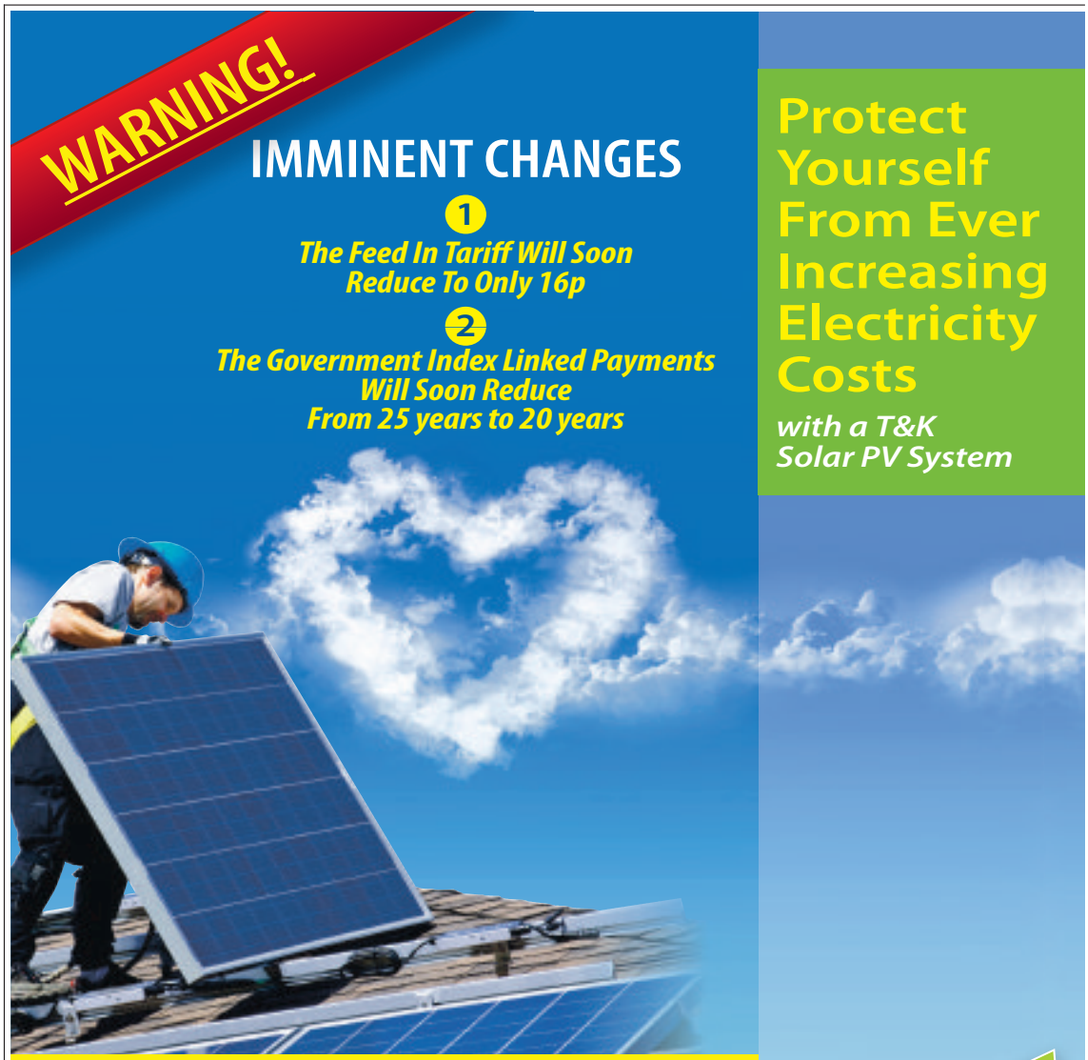
Lynn said her role would see her bring the parish council into a new era, working to gain input from businesses and other agencies to create new initiatives for residents in the area.

She said: "We want to do it, not just talk about it. It is a huge having these three projects running at the same time, but it's more of a coincidence that they have come together in one year. It's going to be a steep learning curve, but the risk is low. We have a lot of ideas for the future too, which makes this a very exciting time."

The new-look community centre, which will see its size almost double by building a second floor, is expected to completed by early 2013.

The council has not said how much they will spend on the project.

She added: "As a business you'd never want three projects coming to completion at the same time, but that's how it has worked and we didn't want to pass up any opportunities. We're confident on all of them and don't believe we're taking risks. We want to give the community a big deal.



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Musicians wanted to perform at park's bandstand music event

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A musical performance, known as a Bandstand Marathon, will be held at Abington Park on September 9 and will be one of hundreds of outdoor, community concerts taking place simultaneously across the country as part of the closing cultural event of the London 2012 festival.

Northampton Borough Council is appealing for musicians of all types including bands, groups, choirs and individual singers to perform.

Councillor Brandon Eldred *(Con, East Hunsbury)*, Northampton Borough Council cabinet member for community engagement, said: "The Bandstand Marathon will tie in with the end of our annual Bands in the Park season which sees music at the bandstand every Sunday from May 6 to September 9.

"As well as traditional brass and wind instrument bands, this year also sees the return of Folk in the Park, an afternoon of music from Northampton's best covers' band, music to accompany the runners during the "Race for Life" event, and, of course, the Bandstand Marathon finale.

"We're looking forward to joining the rest of the nation in closing the London 2012 Festival and Cultural Olympiad with this event and would encourage local musicians to get involved."

There is also the opportunity for one band to have the responsibility of programming a Bandstand Marathon event for which full support and training will be given by not-for-profit arts organisation Superact and Making Music, the UK's leading organisation for voluntary music.

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The bandstand in Abington Park, Northampton, pictured by James Kingston

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Some of the models who strutted their stuff down the catwalk at the university fashion show held at the Silverstone Wing complex

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CATWALK kings and queens from The University of Northampton showed off their sense of style at a lavish fashion show held at the home of the British Grand Prix.

The annual graduate fashion show made the switch to Silverstone and the Made in Britain campaign showcased the talent of young designers, as well as graphic design and art students.

The show was a chance for students to see their designs on the catwalk and collaborate with high-profile sponsors, such as Hensmans and Schwarzkopf professional.

Organiser Nicky Chatman said: "It is a brilliant showcase for students. Silverstone is such a prestigious venue and is a place that captures your imagination."

The fashion show took place in the multi-million pound Wing development and was a chance for students to make contacts and get their work to a wider audience.

Emily Thomas worked in collaboration with Northamptonshire firm and global icon, Dr Martens, to create her shoe designs and said: "I was really looking forward to seeing everyone's work finished. As third years we don't get to work with each other so it's really nice to come together as a team.

"We are really lucky to be part of an event like this, because there are going to be lots of people from the industry here and it gives us a good opportunity to get our work seen and to get the ball rolling."

As well as designers and artists, a number of student volunteers helped to organise the event backstage, giving them a valuable insight into the industry.

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Let's get out of broken EU, says Binners

Northampton South MP, Brian Binley, has said Britain should pull out of the European Union

OUTSPOKEN Northampton MP, Brian Binley, has called on the Government to toughen up its stance on Europe and claimed the country would be better off outside the European Union.

The Conservative MP for Northampton South, who has become increasingly critical of his own party and the coalition Government over the past few months, yesterday published a report looking into Britain's relationship with Europe.

Criticising Britain's bond with the European Union, he said: "Europe is broken.

"Even the most committed Europhile must see that by now.

"So it's about time that we in the UK re-evaluated our position in the European Union. "We need to analyse exactly what we're getting out of the relationship and, quite simply, whether it's worth it.

"In financial terms, we certainly put more into Europe than we get out of it.

"In 2010 we had an overall deficit of £52.4 billion in relation to European Union trade."

The MP argued Britain would be better off developing a purely trade-based relationship with Europe, rather than a political one.

He said: "The fear-mongerers say Britain is too small to survive on its own without the safety blanket of the European Union.

"Well, we might be small in terms of geography, but the UK still manages to punch well above its weight.

"According to World Bank and IMF data, the UK was the sixth largest economy in 2010 and fifth largest trading nation.

"Small is actually beautiful in this day and age."

In the past few months, Mr Binley has attacked the coalition Government for its relationship with the European Court of Human Rights.

He also criticised its stance on green energy policies and accused David Cameron and Nick Clegg of behaving like used car salesmen when negotiating over policies.

Discussing his views on Europe, he said: "The Government needs to get a bit more bottle and we need to realise where our interests really lie."

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Annie climbs a mountain to help sick dog walk again

THE MANAGER of a Northamptonshire animal shelter climbed to the summit of Mount Snowdon to raise funds to help a sick dog walk again.

Annie Marriott, who runs Animals in Need, in Little Irchester, completed the sponsored 3,560ft climb with shelter volunteer Mandy Drage on May 21, to raise more than £2,500, to pay for one-year-old Labrador-cross Sidney's hip operation.

Sidney, who was taken from the dog pound by the shelter, has had one hip operation and will undergo further operation surgery on Monday.

Annie said: "I am overwhelmed by the support I received for this event and the amount of money we have raised is amazing. It will cover the cost of the operations and Sidney's vet bills.

"He is such a good natured dog event when he was in so much pain. He's come on leaps and bounds since his first operation and will be even better after his second one."

Sidney has been adopted by a Northamptonshire family and is recouperating in his new hom before his second operation.

Annie said: "They are a lovely family and it's obvious that Sidney is a lot happier after his first operation.

"He's a lot more lively. He was shy and timind when he first came in but hes's come out of himself now.

"He was always a friendly dog even when he was in agony but it's clear that he's much happier in himself now."

Annie climbed Snowdon in just two hours and said she felt a great sense of achievement when she reached the top.

She added: "I didn't think I was very fit anymore but I'm really pleased with how I did.

"I enjoyed it and it was worth doing it no matter what to help Sidney.

"The support has been amazing and the difference it has already made to Sidney's life is incredible."

For details call the shelter on 01933 278080.

To donate to Annie and Mandy's appeal visit www.justgiving.com/Annie-Mariott1

Annie Marriott on the summit of Mount Snowdoon

House will star as Les Miserables chateau

PICTURESQUE Boughton House will be the backdrop for several scenes in the big screen version of musical *Les Miserables*.

The grade one-listed home, near Geddington, was been turned into a film set, with a huge crew of more than 150 members, shooting scenes for the film.

A spokesman for the film said: "*Les Miserables* is based in 19th century France and there isn't a house as French as Boughton, both interior and exterior, throughout the rest of the UK.

"The cast and crew are staying local and all think the area is beautiful."

Filming has taken place in the house, but producers are remaining tight lipped on what scenes the home will feature in the final cut.

Gym-goers have been rubbing shoulders with Hugh Jackman after the *Wolverine* star turned up at Bodyshapers in School Lane, Kettering, to take out a week's subscription.

Owner Vince D'Alessandro said: "He turned up and asked for a week's subscription, but I didn't recognise him as he didn't have his usual beard."

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Star Davro helps sell panto tickets

BOBBY Davro's "incredible" popularity has helped sell more than 10,000 tickets for the pantomime at Royal & Derngate in Northampton.

The comedian, who proved to be extremely popular with Northampton audiences last Christmas when he starred as the character Wishee Washee in *Aladdin*, will be playing Buttons in a production of *Cinderella* this year.

Jo Gordon, marketing and sales director at Royal & Derngate, said: "It's great to have Bobby Davro coming back. The audience response to his performance in *Aladdin* last year was incredible . . . we had numerous tweets, letters and emails specifically about that.

"It's not just the schools and big groups that are booking in good time, a lot of families are making their plans now for their festive outing to the theatre, in order to be certain of getting the seats they want at their preferred performance.

"A trip to the pantomime is a real high point of any Christmas and *Cinderella* is the most popular panto of them all."

Ms Gordon said other cast members appearing in the pantomime would be announced in the next few weeks.

After appearing in panto in Northampton last year, Mr Davro said he had enjoyed his time in Northampton and thanked the "fantastic" audiences.

He said: "I have done 27 pantomimes and I can honestly say this has been the loveliest and friendliest cast I have ever worked with.

"I think it is a terrific show and we have set the benchmark for pantomimes in the future. The people of Northampton have been fantastic audiences."

Cinderella is produced by Qdos Entertainment, the world's largest pantomime producer, and runs at Royal & Derngate from Friday, December 7 to Sunday, January 6, 2013.

Bobby Davro was a favourite in Northampton last year

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University campuses to move to old power station site by 2018

A NEW £300 million town centre campus for The University of Northampton could be open by 2018, the institution's Governing Council has said.

It has been confirmed that the university is planning to relocate the Park and Avenue campuses to the old power station site off Bedford Road.

Building work on the new campus is expected to start in 2015 with a completion date sometime between 2018 and 2020.

Delia Heneghan, director of marketing, said: "This new Waterside Campus will place us in the heart of the community and will also enable us to deliver our mission of raising the bar; regionally, nationally and internationally through social enterprise.

"It is a hugely exciting project and a massive undertaking."

The West Northamptonshire Development Corporation (WNDC) is currently carrying out a Compulsory Purchase Order to address fragmented ownership of the land on which the new university is to be built and this process is expected to be completed by the end of 2012.

In April the university's vice-chancellor, Nick Petford, confirmed the university was in the early stages of plans to move away from the current Park and Avenue campuses to one new location.

The announcement came after the university was granted planning permission to build 464 new student flats on the site of St John's car park, a short walk from the new town centre campus, close to Becket's Park.

A University of Northampton spokesman said: "The landmark development in the history of the university would provide a campus that is more accessible, central and visible – benefiting from the regeneration of the railway station and the Enterprise Zone. It will also link in with our new central St John's halls of residence."

The university's modern history stretches back to 1924 when Northampton Technical College opened in St George's Avenue. Margaret Thatcher then opened the College of Education at the Park Campus in 1972.

In 1999, Nene College, as it was known, became University College Northampton and in 2005, the college was awarded full university status.

The proposed £300m town centre campus for The University of Northampton

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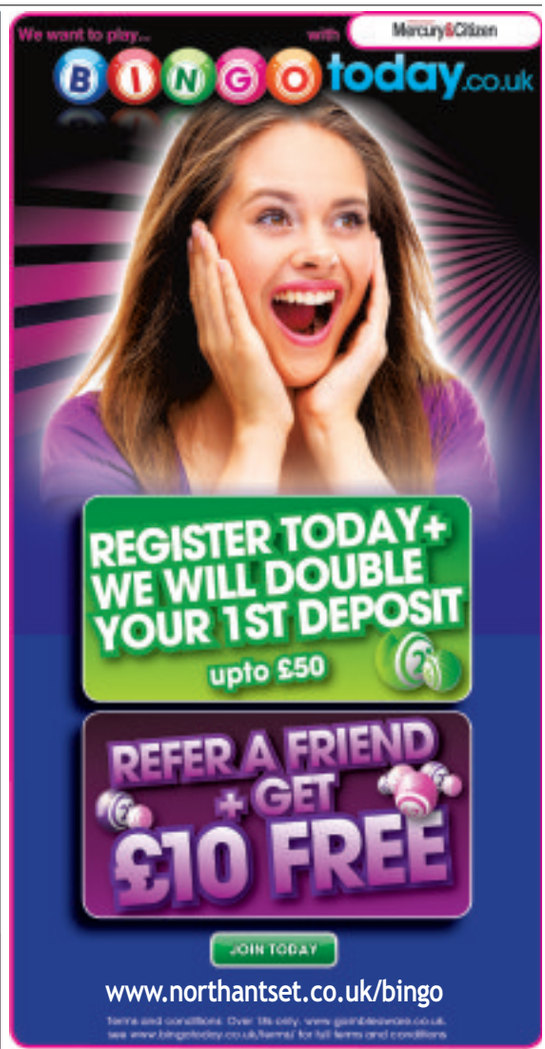

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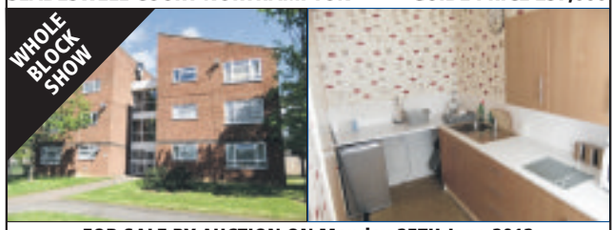

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Barry Smith, head gardener at Stowe, has worked in gardens for 32 years.

He said: "In the 18th century Stowe was the place where everything was happening and many important people visited the gardens.

"The gardens were at their peak in terms of how impressive they were when they were visited by Queen Victoria in 1845.

"But basically after Queen Victoria's visit the family wealth had been spent and they went bankrupt so everything that could be sold was.

"The gardens were weakened and lots of the trees went.

"For around the last 60 years it has been about trying to get Stowe back to the way it was when it was seen by Queen Victoria.

"The National Trust took it over in 1989 and ever since then we have been restoring the garden.

"A lot of the paths and trees had become lost. We had also lost a lot of the stories behind the gardens.

"We have not just been restoring the gardens but trying to bring back the spirit of the place as well."

Since the National Trust acquired the gardens in the late 1980s, an ambitious programme of restoration has ensured that over 40 temples and monuments remain, gracing a backdrop of lakes and valleys, with a variety of walks and trails.

And to mark the Jubliee, the lawn will be emblazoned with a large number 60.

But there are other marks of the Queen, and her Royal family that can be found around the grounds at all times of the year.

"Several of the trees have been planted by members of the Royal family," said Barry.

"A cedar and oak were planted by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert near The Temple of Concord and Victory and some Scots Pines were planted by our present Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh when they visited in 2007.

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Both plays, Euripides' Greek tragedy, *The Bacchae*, and *Blood Wedding* have been re-invented into new contemporary versions which have premiered in Northampton.

The Bacchae is being staged in the disused print works of the Chronicle & Echo's Upper Mounts office, and *Blood Wedding* is on the Royal stage.

The Bacchae takes audiences into the underbelly of a modern city built on money and greed, where a riotous underground world is emerging.

Poetry and music combine in the new version of Federico García Lorca's *Blood Wedding*, where in a close-knit community in rural Spain, a long-term feud between two warring households simmers under the burning sun.

A desperate mother reluctantly agrees to her son's choice in bride, but on the day of the wedding her worst fears are realised when the bride disappears with a former lover.

The productions are performed in rotation by the same company of actors, and are directed by the Royal & Derngate's artistic director Laurie Sansom.

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The Bacchae and *Blood Wedding* will both run until Saturday, June 30.

The Bacchae is staged at a disused printing room at the *Chronicle & Echo*, Upper Mounts, Northampton. . ._Ery Nzaramba as Dionysus and Liam Bergin as Pentheus *Picture: Robert Day*

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Thursday, June 7, 2012

Note's last hoorah before a well-earned retirement

TAKE note, the car you see pictured here is basking in the warm glow of a job well done, as it winds down to what will be a well-earned retirement.

A lot like many of its buyers, you might say, who have appreciated the no-nonsense approach to motoring that has seen Nissan sell more than 425,000 Notes across Europe since launch in 2006.

But already the planners at Nissan's Sunderland plant, where the Note is made, are preparing for the arrival of the car's replacement in 2013 in the rather more cultured shape of the Invitation.

The Note has this year been given a very gentle makeover, with bigger wheels on some models, body-coloured door mirrors and added chrome on others.

And there are added goodies across the range. Acenta models, for instance, receive climate control, automatic headlights and rain-sensing wipers

Note buyers obviously like their cars well equipped; the top n-tec grade has been the best seller and now becomes the n-tec+, as tested here, with rear-parking sensors on board.

There's also something Nissan calls Connect, which features connections for an iPod, Bluetooth phone and a satellite navigation system that uses a small screen but managed to extricate me from the chaos of early morning Newcastle on my way to visit the place where the car was built eight miles away.

The current Note range starts at £11,125, which buys a Visia grade car with 1.4-litre petrol engine.

One Visia version, with a 1.6 litre petrol engine, also includes simple air conditioning as standard and costs £12,600.

As with every Note, you can squeeze in more luggage by simply sliding the rear seat forward. And every Note enjoys making entry and exit easy, thanks to its tallish bodyshell.

Might not look as sleek as some, but you'll thank it for its sense long after the first flush of ownership is passed. Not that the Note on test felt slow, pulling strongly from low revs and then returning nearly 58mpg on the test route which took in an hour's drive on everything from dual carriageway to alpine-like hairpins.

You'd never mistake the finish of the interior for a luxury car, but everything fitted nicely and Nissan has a well earned reputation for building cars that last and last. This last of the current Notes will be no exception.

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2005 55 PEUGEOT 307 SW 1.6 S 5 door 5 speed estate car in Diablo red/grey cloth, 66,000 miles with good service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, fuel computer, 4 airbags, roof rails, load space cover, radio/CD. Good value at only **£4995**

LOW MILEAGE FOCUS

2009 09 FOCUS 1.6 ZETEC 5 door 5 speed in ocean blue/grey cloth, only 4000 miles, YES 4100!. By one private owner with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated door mirrors, front fog lights, fuel computer, drivers seat height adjustment, 4 airbags, radio/CD. Excellent throughout **£8495**

2009 09 FOCUS 1.6 ZETEC 5 door 5 speed estate car in tango red metallic/grey cloth, only 19,000 miles by one private owner with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated mirrors, heated front windscreen, fuel computer, load space cover, front fog lights, 4 airbags, radio/CD. A very useful estate car in excellent condition **£8495**

2006 55 FOCUS 1.6 ZETEC CLIMATE 5 door 5 speed in metallic blue/grey cloth, only 43,000 miles with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, front fog lights, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated mirrors, heated front windscreen, fuel computer, front seate centre armrest, 4 airbags, radio/CD. Quite outstanding. **£4495**

2004 04 FOCUS 1.6 LX 5 door 5 speed in moondust silver/grey cloth. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, electric windows, central locking, electric mirrors, heated front windscreen, driver & passenger airbags, radio/CD. Above average mileage and well above average condition **£2795**

2003 53 FOCUS 1.6 ZETEC 5 door 5speed in tonic blue metallic/grey cloth, only 57,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, alloy wheels, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, front fog lights, 4 airbags, radio/CD **£2995**

2000 W FOCUS 1.6 LX 5 door 5 speed in pepper red metallic/grey cloth, average mileage. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, electric windows, central locking, driver & passenger airbags, radio/CD. Very clean **£1495**

FIAT

2008 08 FIAT GRANDE PUNTO 1.4 ACTIVE SPORT 5 door 5 speed in light blue metallic/grey cloth, only 30,000 miles with good service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, front fog lights, 4 airbags, radio/CD. Good value at only **£4995**

2003 03 FIAT PUNTO 1.2 ACTIVE 5 door 5 speed in metallic green/grey cloth only 73,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, electric windows, drivers airbag, radio/CD. Another ideal low insurance starter car for only **£1995**

LOW MILEAGE FIESTAS & FUSIONS

2011 11 FIESTA 1.4 ZETEC 5 door 5 speed in moondust silver metallic/grey cloth, only 1600 miles, YES 1600! By one private owner. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated door mirrors, heated front windscreen, front fog lights, fuel computer, 4 airbags, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to March 2014. Excellent throughout **£10495**

2011 11 FIESTA 1.25 ZETEC 5 door 5 speed in moondust silver /grey cloth only 3,000 miles by one private owner. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, alloy wheels, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated door mirrors, heated front windscreen, fuel computer, drivers seat height adjustment, front fog lights, 6 airbags, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to May 2014. Good value at only **£10295**

2011 11 FIESTA 1.25 ZETEC 5 door 5 speed in ink blue metallic/grey cloth, only 6,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated door mirrors, heated front windscreen, bluetooth & USB port, front fog lights, fuel computer 4 airbags, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to March 2014. Save '000's on cost new **£9995**

2010 60 FIESTA 1.2 ZETEC 5 door 5 speed in panther black metallic/grey cloth, only 12,000 miles by one lady owner with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, alloy wheels, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated door mirrors, heated front windscreen, fuel computer, front fog lights, drivers seat height adjustment, 4 airbags, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to September 2013. Excellent throughout **£8995**

2009 59 FIESTA 1.25 ZETEC 3 door 5 speed in moondust silver/grey cloth, only 13,000 miles with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, alloy wheels, front fog lights, electric windows, remote central locking, power heated door mirrors, heated front windscreen, 6 airbags, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to September 2012. Excellent throughout **£8495**

2009 09 FIESTA 1.4 ZETEC 5 door 5 speed in moondust silver/grey cloth, only 6,000 miles by one private owner with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated door mirrors, heated front windscreen, fuel computer, front fog lights, 4 airbags, radio/CD **£8495**

2005 54 FUSION 1.4 2 5 door 5 speed in tonic blue metallic/grey cloth, only 61,000 miles with excellent service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated mirrors, 4 airbags, heated front windscreen, drivers seat height adjustment, radio/CD. Excellent throughout **£3695**

2003 53 FIESTA 1.25 STYLE 3 door 5 speed in moondust silver/grey cloth, slightly above average mileage. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, electric windows, remote central locking, driver & passenger airbags, radio/CD. Excellent value at only **£1995**

2001 Y FORD FIESTA 1.25 FREESTYLE 3 door 5 speed in red/grey cloth, only 57,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, central locking, drivers airbags, radio/CD. A very bright car at **£2295**

2000 W FIESTA 1.25 LX 5 door 5 speed in aqua frost metallic/grey cloth only 58,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, sunroof, alloy wheels, electric windows, central locking, drivers airbag, radio/CD. Excellent throughout **£1995**

KIA

2007 07 KIA PICANTO 1.0 GS 5 door 5 speed in flame red/grey cloth, only 57,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, electric windows, driver airbag, radio/CD. An excellent starter car for only **£3495**

2009 58 KIA CE-ED 1.6 9S 5 door 5 speed in metallic red/grey cloth only 33,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, electric mirrors, radio/CD. A very sought after vehicle. **£6495**

LOW MILEAGE TOYOTA

2008 08 TOYOTA YARIS 1.8 SR (SPORT PACK) 3 door 5 speed in blue metallic/grey cloth, only 20,000 miles with good service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, 17" alloy wheels, climate control, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, sports steering wheel, front fog lights, 6 airbags, radio/CD. A fantastic looking Yaris .**£6995**

DIESELS

2010 60 FOCUS 1.6 TDCi (110) ZETEC 5 door 5 speed in panther black metallic/grey cloth, only 10,600 miles by one private owner with full Ford service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated mirrors, heated front windscreen, front fog lights, fuel computer, 4 airbags, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to November 2013. Priced to sell at only **£10995**

2009 09 AUDI A6 2.0 TDi 170 LE MANS 4 door 6 speed in daytona grey pearlescent/black leather interior, 49,000 miles with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, dual zone climate control, cruise control, 4 electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated door mirrors, heated front seats, 19 inch alloy wheels, leather bound steering wheel, global window closing, fuel computer, observation lights, auto rain sensing wipers, automatic lights, 6 airbags, multi-media centre and lots more on this simply stunning car **£15995**

2009 09 FIESTA 1.6 TDCi TITANIUM X 5 door 5 speed in morello metallic/grey cloth, only 27,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, cruise control, air con, front fog lights, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated door mirrors, heated front windscreen, fuel computer, tinted glass, 4 airbags, radio/CD. Outstanding performance and economy and only £20 per year to tax! **£9995**

2008 58 PEUGEOT 308 1.6 HDi (90) SPORT 5 door 5 speed in aluminium silver/grey cloth, only 30,000 miles by one lady owner with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, alloy wheels, cruise control, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, fuel computer, front seat centre armrest, satellite stereo controls, front fog lights, 6 airbags, radio/CD. Fantastic performance & economy and only £30 per year to tax! **£7995**

2007 57 VECTRA 1.9 CDTi SRi (150) 5 door 5 speed in star silver/grey cloth only 65,000 miles with good service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, alloy wheels, 4 electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, cruise control, front fog lights, fuel computer, tailgate spoiler, 6 airbags, radio/CD. A stunning car to both look at and drive **£5995**

2007 07 ASTRA 1.3 CDTi LIFE 5 door 6 speed in panacotta metallic/grey cloth, only 34,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, driver, passenger & side airbags, radio/CD. Excellent performance and economy from this very well presented Astra **£5995**

2006 06 ZAFIRA 1.9 CDTi DESIGN 5 door 5 speed in black sapphire/grey ½ leather seats, only 61,000 miles with good service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, front seat centre armrest, front fog lights, fuel computer, driver & passenger airbags, radio/CD. Excellent throughout **£6495**

2006 06 CORSA 1.3 CDTi LIFE 3 door 5 speed in star silver metallic/grey cloth, choice of 3, mileages from 11,499 all with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, electric windows, remote central locking, drivers airbags, radio/CD. Excellent condition, prices from ..... **£3995 - £4495**

2004 54 MONDEO 2.0 TDCi GHIA 5 door 6 speed estate car in dark green metallic/grey cloth only 73,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con , 4 electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated mirrors, heated front windscreen, rear parking sensors, roof bars, front fog lights, driver & passenger airbags, radio/CD and lots more on this rare low mileage diesel estate in quite outstanding condition **£4995**

2004 04 VAUXHALL MERIVA 1.7 DTi ENVOY 5 door 5 speed in ultra blue/grey cloth only 80,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, rear seat audio system, drive & passenger airbags, radio/CD. Quite outstanding **£3995**

2003 53 MONDEO 2.0 TDCi (130) ZETEC 5 door 5 speed in dark blue metallic/grey cloth, only 69,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, 4 electric windows, cruise control, electric heated door mirrors, remote central locking, heated front windscreen, front fog lights, fuel computer, 4 airbags, radio/CD. Excellent throughout **£3495**

2003 53 V.W. PASSAT 1.9 TDi (130) SE 4 door 5 speed in brilliant silver/grey cloth, only 63,000 miles with excellent service history. . POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, climate control, 4 electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, fuel computer, leather bound steering wheel, front seat centre armrest, 6 airbags, radio/CD multi changer. A truly outstanding vehicle **£4495**

2002 02 ROVER 75 TOURER 2.0 CDT CLUB 5 door estate car in burgundy/grey cloth, above average mileage. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, driver seat height adjustment, 4 airbags, load space cover, radio/CD and much more in this classic diesel estate car **£1995**

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2008 58 FORD KA 1.3 ZETEC 3 door 5 speed in tango red/grey cloth, only 10,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, drivers airbags, radio/CD. Excellent throughout... ..... **£4995**

2005 05 KA 1.3 COLLECTION 3 door 5 speed in aquarius blue metallic/grey cloth only 58,000 miles with very good service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, electric windows, central locking, drivers airbag, radio/CD. A really bright KA **£2695**

2002 52 FORD KA 1.3 3 door 5 speed in pepper red metallic/grey cloth, only 64,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, drivers airbag, radio/CD. Another low mileage ideal starter car for only **£1795**

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LOW MILEAGE ASTRA

2010 10 ASTRA 1.6 SE (new model) 5 door 5 speed in black sapphire metallic/grey ½ leather seats, only 18,000 miles by one private owner with full Vauxhall service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, cruise control, electric windows, remote central locking, front fog lights, electric heated mirrors, 6 airbags, fuel computer, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to March 2013. Cost new today would be over £20,000, so save at least £10,005 on this one at only **£9995**

2010 59 ASTRA (New Model) 1.6 SE 5 door 5 speed in black sapphire metallic/grey cloth only 19,000 miles by one private owner with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels. cruise control, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, front fog lights, fuel computer, leather bound steering wheel, 6 airbags, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to Jan 2013. List price new today is £19915 so save a massive £9920 on this one at our unrepeatable price of only **£9495**

2005 54 ASTRA 1.7 CDTi SRi 5 door 5 speed in black sapphire metallic/grey cloth, 86,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, electric windows, central locking, electric mirrors, front fog lights, 4 airbags, fuel computer, radio/CD. Excellent throughout **£3795**

2004 54 ASTRA 1.6 CLUB 5 door 5 speed in moonland grey metallic/grey cloth 82,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, electric windows, electric mirrors, air con, remote central locking, radio/CD. A nice looking car at... ..... **£3295**

2002 52 ASTRA 1.6 CLUB 5 door 5 speed in metallic green/grey cloth only 83,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING. Air con, central locking, electric windows, drivers airbag, radio/CD. A good car at **£1995**

2001 51 ASTRA 1.4 LS 5 door 5 speed in polar sea blue/grey cloth, only 86,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, electric windows, remote central locking, driver & passenger airbags, radio/CD. Excellent throughout **£1995**

2001 Y ASTRA 1.4 LS 5 door 5 speed in dark blue/grey cloth, only 90,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, air con, electric windows, central locking, electric mirrors, driver & passenger airbags, radio/CD. Good value at only **£1695**

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2006 06 MITSUBISHI SHOGUN 3.2 Di-D ELEGANCE 5 door automatic in blue metallic/black leather interior, only 64,000 miles with full service history. Fantastic specification includes, POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air conditioning, leather trim to all 7 seats, heated front seats, cruise control, satellite navigation, front fog lights, tailgate spoiler, roof rails, running boards, electric windows, remote central locking with alarm, electric mirrors, wood veneer steering wheel and gear shift lever, electric sunroof, fuel computer, 4 airbags, electric front seats, DVD player, radio/CD with CD autochanger. A fantastic example of this very popular 4X4 ..... **£10995**

CORSA SECTION

2011 11 CORSA 1.2 SXi 5 door 5 speed in silver lake metallic/grey cloth, mileage 1583 YES 1583! By one owner. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, cruise control, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, 8 airbags, front fog lights, drivers seat height adjustment, satellite stereo controls, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to June 2014. List price of these vehicles today is £14400 in a non metallic colour, so save a massive £4905 on these at our unrepeatable price of only **£9495**

2009 09 CORSA 1.4 DESIGN 5 door 5 speed in air blue metallic/grey cloth only 14,000 miles with good service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, front fog lights, 6 airbags, drivers seat height adjustment,. Satellite stereo controls, radio/CD. Excellent throughout **£7495**

LOW MILEAGE HONDAS

2008 08 HONDA JAZZ 1.4 SE 5 door 5 speed in vivid blue metallic/grey cloth, only 27,000 miles with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, air con, alloy wheels, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, fuel computer, 4 airbags, radio/CD. A very well maintained Jazz **£6995**

AUTOMATICS

2011 11 MERVIA 1.7 CDTi EXCLUSIVE 5 door automatic in pepper dust metallic/grey cloth only 7000 miles by one private owner. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air conditioning, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, cruise control, fuel computer, 4 airbags, radio/CD and much more. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to May 2014. Cost new today would be in excess of £21,500 so save a staggering £10,000 on this one at our unrepeatable price of only **£11500**

2011 11 CORSA 1.4 SE 5 door automatic in black sapphire metallic/grey cloth, only 4000 miles by one private owner. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, front fog lights, fuel computer, satellite stereo controls, 4 airbags, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to April 2014. Cost new today in a solid colour would by £16370 so save a massive £6375 on this one at only **£9995**

2010 10 PEUGEOT 308 1.6 HDi S 5 door automatic in aluminium silver metallic/grey cloth, only 16,000 miles by one private owner. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, satellite stereo controls, driver & passenger seat height adjustment, fuel computer, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to March 2012. A very well presented and economical automatic vehicle **£9995**

2009 09 HONDA JAZZ 1.4 ES 5 door automatic in premium deep purple/grey cloth, only 23,000 miles by one owner with full Honda service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, 4 electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated retractable door mirrors, drivers seat height adjustment, 6 airbags, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty. Excellent throughout **£8995**

2009 59 FIESTA 1.4 STYLE PLUS 3 door auto in blue metallic/grey cloth only 8000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, electric windows, electric mirrors, remote central locking, radio/CD **£7695**

2009 58 HONDA JAZZ 1.4 SE 5 door automatic in iron grey metallic/grey cloth, only 10,000 miles by one private owner with full Honda service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated door mirrors, drivers seat height adjustment, paddle gearshift on steering wheel, 4 airbags, radio/CD. An ideal mid range auto **£7995**

2008 58 FORD MONDEO 2.0 TDCi TITANIUM X 5 door automatic in sea grey/grey ½ leather seats only 29,000 miles by one private owner with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, climate control, cruise control, alloy wheels, front & rear parking sensors, 4 electric windows, remote central locking, alarm, electric heated retractable door mirrors, fuel computer, heated windscreen, front seat centre armrest, front fog lights, 6 airbags, radio/CD, auto-changer and much much more in this top of the range executive vehicle **£10995**

2008 08 ASTRA 1.9 CDTi DESIGN 5 door automatic in black sapphire metallic/grey half leather seats only 43,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, 4 electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, auto rain sensing wipers, auto lights, front fog lights, fuel computer, 6 airbags, radio/CD. Excellent throughout **£6695**

2008 08 RENAULT MEGANE 1.6 DYNAMIQUE 5 door automatic estate car in gunmetal grey/grey cloth only 9000 miles by one private owner with full Renault service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, alloy wheels, 4 electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, fuel computer, front fog lights, drivers seat height adjustment, 6 airbags, radio/CD. A very versatile estate car in quite outstanding condition **£5595**

2007 57 V.W. POLO 1.4 SE 5 door automatic in cornflower blue metallic/grey cloth, only 12,000 miles by two private owners. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, driver & passenger airbags, radio/CD. An outstanding small auto in first class condition **£6695**

2007 07 AUDI A4 2.0 TDi S-LINE 4 door automatic in metallic black/ black cloth, only 38,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, dual zone automatic air con, alloy wheels, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, front seat centre armrest, 6 airbags, fuel computer, radio/CD. Performance, economy and bags of style **£10995**

2006 06 ASTRA 1.6 DESIGN 5 door automatic in moonland grey metallic/grey cloth only 51,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, alloy wheels, 4 electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, front fog lights, 4 airbags, radio/CD. Excellent throughout **£4995**

2006 06 RENALUT KANGOO 1.6 AUTHENTIQUE 5 door automatic in burgundy red metallic/grey cloth, only 27,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, electric windows, remote central locking, overhead storage system, electric mirrors, driver & passenger airbags, radio/CD. A very versatile auto estate car in quite outstanding condition **£3995**

2003 53 JAGUAR XJ6 3.0 4 door automatic in blue metallic/ivory leather, good service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, climate control, cruise control, auto lights, rain sensing wipers, 4 electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, front seat centre armrest, wood veneer dashboard and steering wheel, electrically adjustable front seats, fuel computer, 6 airbags, radio/CD and multi-changer. Above average mileage but in quite outstanding condition, priced to sell at only **£5995**

2003 53 CORSA 1.4 DESIGN automatic 5 door in spearmint silver metallic/grey cloth only 49,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, central locking, air con, electric windows, driver & passenger airbags, radio/CD. Excellent throughout **£3295**

2002 02 FOCUS 1.6 LX 5 door automatic in panther black metallic/grey cloth only 40,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, electric windows, central locking, driver & passenger airbags, radio/CD. Another low mileage car for only **£2695**

2002 52 HYUNDAI SONATA 2.7 V6 CDX 4 door automatic in green metallic/grey cloth only 32,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air conditioning, cruise control, 4 electric windows, remote central lockingm electric heated mirrors, front seat arm rest, 4 airbags, fuel computer, front fog lights, sunroof and much much more in the very highly specified luxury car and unbelievably priced at only **£1995**

2000 W ROVER 75 2.0 V6 CLUB 4 door automatic in metallic silver/grey cloth only 66,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, central locking, electric windows, electric mirrors, radio/cassette. A prestige car for only **£1995**

2000 W ASTRA 1.6 CLUB estate automatic in metallic silver/grey cloth above average miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, electric windows, central locking, radio/cassette. A very versatile vehicle for only **£1495**

1999 V TOYOTA COROLLA 1.6 GLS 5 door automatic in red metallic/grey cloth, 91,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, central locking, electric windows, electric mirrors, electric sunroof, radio/CD. A well maintained car at **£1495**

1998 S TOYOTA AVENSIS 1.8 GLS 5 door automatic in silver metallic/grey cloth, average mileage. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, air con, electric windows, central locking, drivers airbag, radio/CD. A clean example of this popular car **£1495**

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2004 54 ROVER 45 1.6 CLUB SE 4 door 5 speed in metallic silver/beige cloth, average mileage. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, electronic air conditioning, alloy wheels, 4 electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, front seat centre armrest, satellite stereo controls, drivers seat height adjustment, 4 airbags, radio/CD. Looks fantastic **£2995**

2005 55 RENAULT MEGANE 1.6 EXPRESSION 5 door 5 speed in metallic silver/grey cloth, only 65,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, 4 airbags, radio/CD..... ..... **£2995**

2002 02 HYUNDAI ACCENT 1.5 CDX 5 door 5 speed in Baltic blue/grey cloth, only 87,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, sunroof, 4 electric windows, central locking, driver & passenger airbags, radio/cassette. A very clean vehicle **£1495**

2002 52 RENAULT SCENIC 1.6 FIDJI 5 door 5 speed in silver metallic/grey cloth only 80,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, alloy wheels, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, 4 airbags, front seat centre armrest, front fog lights, radio/CD. Excellent throughout **£1995**

2003 52 FORD MONDEO 1.8 LX 5 door estate in moondust silver/grey cloth, above average mileage. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, driver & passenger airbags, load space cover, radio/CD. A very tidy estate car and priced to sell **£1495**

2002 02 RENAULT LAGUNA 1.8 DYNAMIQUE 5 door 5 speed estate car in light blue metallic/grey cloth, average mileage. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, front fog lights, electric windows, central locking, electric mirrors, roof rails, 4 airbags, radio/CD. Excellent value at only **£1695**

2001 Y NISSAN ALMERA 1.5 SE 5 door 5 speed in ocean blue/grey cloth average mileage with very good service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, air con, electric windows, central locking, electric mirrors, 4 airbags, radio/CD. Excellent throughout **£995**

2000 W PEUGEOT 406 2.0 GLX estate 5 door 5 speed in metallic red/grey cloth, 96,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, electric windows, air con, remote central locking, radio/CD. A spacious estate for only **£1995**

2000 W VW POLO 1.4S 5 door 5 speed in metallic blue/grey cloth only 88,000 miles with history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, sunroof, ABS brakes, electric windows, electric mirrors, central locking, driver & passenger airbags, radio/cassette. A very nice tidy example of this popular car **£2495**

2000 X ROVER 25 1.6i S 5 door 5 speed in british racing green/grey cloth, only 45,000 miles with full service history by two private owners. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, sunroof, alloy wheels, electric windows, remote central locking, front fog lights, drivers airbag, radio/cassette **£1695**

2000 X VECTRA 2.2 SRi (150) 5 door 5 speed in metallic brown/grey ½ leather seats, only 82,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, front fog lights, tailgate spoiler, electric windows, central locking, electric mirrors, front seat centre armrest, driver & passenger airbags, radio/CD. Excellent throughout **£1695**

1998 R V.W. GOLF 1.6 CL 5 door 5 speed in metallic green/grey cloth, average mileage. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, sunroof, electric windows, central locking, drivers airbag, radio/cassette. A very well presented example of this popular model ..**£995**

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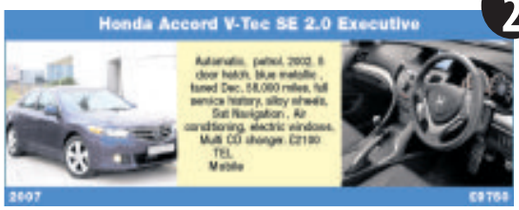

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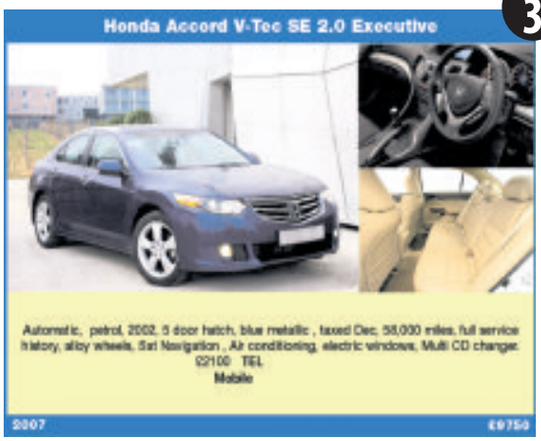

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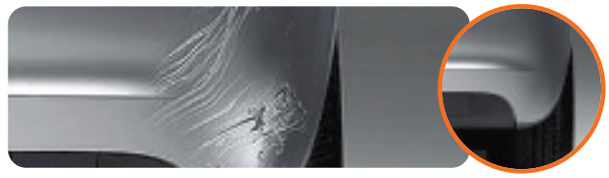

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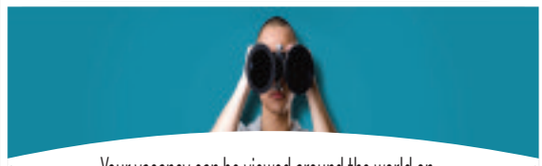

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RISING STAR – departing Saints centre James Downey (right) has tipped flanker James Craig to be a key man at Franklin's Gardens
PICTURE: LINDA DAWSON

Boothroyd hails new Town signing Alex

AIDY BOOTHROYD believes new Cobblers arrival Alex Nicholls will unsettle league two defenders with his "sheer bloody-mindedness".

And the Town manager has compared the forward, who has become the second new arrival at Sixfields after arriving on a free transfer from Walsall, to Queens Park Rangers' Jamie Mackie after beating off competition from elsewhere to complete the signing.

"There were a lot of clubs in for him and I'm delighted we've got him," he said.

"I don't like to compare players but to give everyone a feel of what Alex is like he is a very similar type of player to Jamie Mackie at QPR.

"He's all action and he's extremely fit and extremely quick.

"He's a striker who can also play wide right or wide left and what we've got with Alex is a really young talented player with lots of potential.

"He's really ambitious and I'm really excited about working with him."

Nicholls is the second front player to come to Sixfields, with Coventry City target man Clive Platt arriving a week ago.

The two players offer vastly differing alternatives to Boothroyd, with Nicholls able to play on either wing to bolster the manager's options in the final third.

The transfer could see the transfer activity in the striking department complete now, with Jake Robinson and Adebayo Akinfenwa also under contract for next season.

"I see him (Nicholls) playing up front and I also see him in wide areas as well," said Boothroyd.

"I think it is important to be able to attack teams in a variety of different ways and his movement and sheer bloody-mindedness to close people down and to upset defenders will make him a really good signing for us.

"We've been really busy in the last few weeks and we've hit the post on a couple of deals but I'm delighted to get Alex."

KEY SIGNING – Aidy Boothroyd was delighted with the signing of attacker Alex Nicholls

Downey: Craig may be star of the future

JAMES DOWNEY has tipped James Craig as a star of the future for Saints.

And the Irish centre, who has rejoined Munster this summer ahead of next season, feels the future is bright for his former club.

Craig, 23, is just one of a number of Academy aces starting to break into the Saints first team. The likes of Ben Nutley, Mike Haywood and Jamie Elliott are all highly-rated at Franklin's Gardens.

Downey saw those fledgling talents develop last season and he couldn't help but be impressed by the impact they had on the side.

Craig got plenty of game time towards the back end of the campaign, even claiming the man of the match award in the final Premiership game of the season against Worcester.

And Downey feels the former Leeds Carnegie lock forward is a player the Saints fans should be excited about.

"James Craig is going to turn into a great player," said Downey. "He's stepped up massively.

"There are some really great lads at the club. There's the likes of Teimana Harrison, Ben Nutley and Jamie Elliott. They're all young lads and they're just getting better and better.

"James stepped up so well at the end of the season. He's a laid-back lad and although he doesn't look the most athletic, he's got great ability. Give him another year and you never know what'll happen."

With the likes of Downey, Roger Wilson and Chris Ashton moving on this summer, Saints boss Jim Mallinder has added some new faces to his squad.

Players of the quality of Cameron Shepherd and Gerrit-Jan van Velze are set to strut their stuff at Franklin's Gardens next season and Downey has backed the club to enjoy a fine campaign.

"Jim's made some good signings, some shrewd signings as he always done," said Downey, who played 148 games for Saints during his five-year stay at the club.

"I guess it's hard when you're losing all the England players all the time, but I think now it will be a bit more manageable.

"We got a bit unlucky last season with injuries, a lot of the England boys were out but hopefully they'll come back, have a good tour in South Africa and be revitalised with all the new lads coming in.

"To lose in the way we did last year gives them that extra impetus and drive to get back next season and actually win something."

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